

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A tube Tube (20, 30, 40, 50), for feeding fastening elements (1) with a circular head (2), for a fastening apparatus [(100)], said tube being flexible and made from transparent material, and having an characterized in that its effective inner cross section (21, 31, 41, 51) which is not circular;

wherein said non-circular inner cross section includes a first section and a second section being contiguous to the first section and extending radially inwardly from the first section for a length sufficient to prevent physical contact between the first section and heads of the fastening elements being fed along the tube; and

wherein said tube is transparent in said first section.

2. **(currently amended)** The tube Tube (20, 30) according to [[Claim]] claim 1, wherein the second section includes at least one rib extending longitudinally of said tube in which the inner wall (21, 31) is ribbed longitudinally (23, 33).

3. **(currently amended)** The tube Tube (20) according to [[Claim]] claim 2, wherein said tube, including said at least one rib, is entirely, integrally made from said transparent material in which the ribs (23) are made from the same material as that of the tube (20).

4. **(currently amended)** The tube Tube (30) according to [[Claim]] claim 2, wherein said tube, except said at least one rib, is entirely made from said transparent material in which the

~~ribs (33) comprise beadings (33) made from a material other than that of the tube (30).~~

5. **(currently amended)** The tube ~~Tube (40)~~ according to [[Claim]] claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the inner cross section [[(41)]] is of a substantially polygonal shape.

6. **(currently amended)** The tube ~~Tube (40)~~ according to [[Claim]] claim 5, wherein ~~in which~~ the inner cross section [[(41)]] is of a substantially triangular shape.

7. **(currently amended)** The tube ~~Tube (50)~~ according to [[Claim]] claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the inner cross section [[(51)]] has a substantially rounded star shape.

8. **(new)** The tube according to claim 1, consisting of said transparent material.

9. **(new)** The tube according to claim 1, being transparent in an entirety thereof.

10. **(new)** The tube according to claim 2, wherein a thickness of said tube in the first section is less than in the second section including said at least one rib.

11. **(new)** The tube according to claim 2, wherein said at least one rib is an elongated element made of a material different from said transparent material, said elongated element being partially embedded in said transparent material.

12. **(new)** In combination,
at least one fastening element having a head and a stem; and
a tube for feeding said at least one fastening element to a fastening apparatus, said tube being made from transparent material and having an inner surface which is sized and shaped relative to the head of said at least one fastening element to physically contact the head of said

fastening element being fed along said tube only at predetermined locations, leaving a remaining area of said inner surface free of physical contact with the head of said at least one fastener element at all times.

13. **(new)** The combination of claim 12, wherein said tube is transparent in said remaining area.

14. **(new)** The combination of claim 12, wherein the head of said at least one fastening element is circular and a cross section of the inner surface of said tube is non-circular.

15. **(new)** The combination according to claim 1, including at least one inner rib extending longitudinally of said tube, wherein said at least one rib defines the predetermined locations where the tube physically contacts the head of said at least one fastening element, and wherein regions of the inner surface adjacent to and located on opposite sides of said at least one rib define the remaining area.

16. **(new)** The combination according to claim 15, wherein said tube, including said at least one rib, is entirely, integrally made from said transparent material .

17. **(new)** The combination according to claim 16, wherein a thickness of said tube in the remaining area is less than in a region of said at least one rib.

18. **(new)** The combination according to claim 15, wherein said tube, except said at least one rib, is entirely made from said transparent material .

19. **(new)** The combination according to claim 18, wherein said at least one rib is an elongated element made of a material different from said transparent material, said elongated

element being partially embedded in said transparent material.

20. **(new)** The combination according to claim 12, wherein a cross section of the inner surface has a substantially polygonal shape.

21. **(new)** The combination according to claim 12, wherein a cross section of the inner surface has a substantially rounded star shape.

22. **(new)** The combination according to claim 12, wherein said at least one fastening element is one of a nail and a screw.

23. **(new)** A fastening tool for driving a fastening element into a substrate, said tool comprising:

a gun for driving the fastening element; and

a tube connected to said gun for feeding the fastening element to said gun;

said tube being made from a transparent material, and having an inner cross section which is non-circular.

24. **(new)** The tool of claim 23, wherein the tube includes at least one inner rib extending longitudinally of said tube, and wherein said tube, including said at least one rib, is entirely, integrally made from said transparent material.

25. **(new)** The tool of claim 23, wherein the tube includes at least one inner rib extending longitudinally of said tube, and wherein said tube, except said at least one rib, is entirely made from said transparent material, said at least one rib being partially embedded in said transparent material.

26. **(new)** The tool of claim 23, wherein the inner cross section has a substantially polygonal shape.

27. **(new)** The tool of claim 23, wherein the inner cross section has a substantially rounded star shape.